

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Official Action dated August 29, 2006, where the Examiner has rejected pending claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11-13, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 23-26, as being unpatentable over Jacobs et al., US Patent No. 5,956,683, in view of one or more of Jeon et al., US Patent No. 5,673,363, Ozawa, US Patent No. 5,305,332, and Yeldener et al., US Patent No. 5,774,837. However, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, the combination of references being relied upon by the Examiner in support of the rejection fail to make known each and every feature of the claims, as presently pending. The Examiner has further rejected claims 27-30, as being unpatentable over Nahumi, US Patent No. 5,699,478, in view of Zingher, US Patent No. 6,092,039. However, the rejection of claims 27-30 is rendered moot in view of the cancelation of the same.

In attempting to reject the claims, the Examiner correctly asserts that Jacobs et al., '683, minimally fails to provide for any type of transmission error correction as is disclosed in the presently claimed invention. With respect to at least independent claims 1, 3, 13 and 15, the noted deficiency is alleged to be made known by Jeon et al., '363, where the Examiner further concludes that it would have been obvious to combine the same. However, the alleged combination of references fails to make known replacing the one or more speech recognition parameters (claims 1 and 13) and/or replacing the entire vector (claims 3 and 15) in the identified group of vectors, which have undergone a transmission error, with copies of one or more corresponding speech recognition parameters and/or entire vector from a different vector, corresponding to a different particular sampling time frame.

Jeon et al., '363, alternatively provides for the reconstruction of frequency coefficients of a frame where errors have occurred using predetermined weight values and frequency coefficients of one or more frames received without error, where the replacement frequency coefficient is determined by applying the weight value to the frequency coefficient from the frame received without error.

The applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 9, 10, 21 and 22 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 9 and 21 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claims 10 and 22 now depend from rewritten claims 9 and 21.

As presently amended, the claims include 20 total claims, 6 of which are independent, which is less than or equal to the highest amounts previously paid for.

The applicants would contend, that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons noted. The applicants would request that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the claims in view of the above noted reasons. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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